

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A composition of matter, comprising:
 - (a) a cream base, one of the components of the cream base being peanut oil;
 - (b) a medicament selected from the group consisting of fluocinolone acetonide, hydroquinone, tretinoin and combinations thereof.
2. The composition of claim 1, wherein the peanut oil is present in a range of between 1% and 10% of the cream base.
3. The composition of claim 1, wherein the peanut oil is about 5% of the cream base.
4. A process of making a composition of matter, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) combining water and at least one hydrophilic compound while heating at a temperature in the range of 75°C to 80°C to form an aqueous phase;
 - (b) combining peanut oil with at least one other hydrophobic compound while heating at a temperature in the range of 75°C to 80°C to form a non-aqueous phase;
 - (c) combining the aqueous phase and non-aqueous phase to form a biphasic mixture;
 - (d) stirring and cooling the biphasic mixture to a temperature in the range of 68°C to 72°C;
 - (e) while stirring and cooling, adding at least one emulsifier; and
 - (f) homogenizing the mixture to form the emulsion.
5. The process of claim 4, further comprising the step of adding at least one medicament during step (d) or thereafter, wherein the addition is prior to step (f).
6. The process of claim 4, wherein the aqueous phase consists essentially of water, magnesium aluminum silicate and butylated hydroxytoluene.

7. The process of claim 4, wherein the non-aqueous phase comprises at least one hydrophobic compound selected from the group consisting of cetyl alcohol, stearic acid, stearyl alcohol, methyl gluceth, methylparaben, propylparaben, and glycerin.
8. The process of claim 4, wherein the emulsifier is glyceryl stearate, polyethylene glycol (PEG) stearate or a combination thereof.
9. The process of claim 4, wherein the glyceryl stearate, polyethylene glycol stearate or combination thereof is Arlacel® 165.
10. The process of claim 4, further comprising the step, following the addition of the emulsifier in step (e), of stirring and cooling the biphasic mixture to about 55°C, then adding hydroquinone.
11. The process of claim 4, wherein the biphasic mixture is homogenized when the temperature of the mixture is about 50°C.
12. The process of claim 4, further comprising the step of:
 - (g) stirring and cooling the biphasic mixture to about 45°C, then adding sodium metabisulfite.
13. A composition of matter made by the process of claim 5.
14. The composition of matter of claim 13, comprising a medicament is selected from the group consisting of fluocinolone acetonide, hydroquinone, tretinoin and combinations thereof.

15. A method of treating or preventing a skin irritation condition, comprising applying to the skin of a subject in need thereof a composition of matter comprising:
 - (a) a cream base, one of the components of the cream base being peanut oil;
 - (b) a medicament selected from the group consisting of fluocinolone acetonide, hydroquinone, tretinoin and combinations thereof.
16. A method of treating melasma or other hyperpigmentary conditions, comprising applying to the skin of a subject in need thereof a composition of matter comprising:
 - (a) a cream base, one of the components of the cream base being peanut oil;
 - (b) medicament comprising fluocinolone acetonide, hydroquinone and tretinoin.
17. A method of treating acne, comprising applying to the skin of a subject in need thereof a composition of matter comprising:
 - (a) a cream base, one of the components of the cream base being peanut oil;
 - (b) a medicament comprising tretinoin.
18. A method of treating a hyperpigmentation condition, comprising applying to the skin of a subject in need thereof a composition of matter comprising:
 - (a) a cream base, one of the components of the cream base being peanut oil;
 - (b) a medicament comprising hydroquinone.